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Merry Christmas to Everyone!

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## Retiring Permanente Attorney Feted by Labor at San Jose

Harry F. Morton, vice president of the Henry J. Kaiser Co. and general legal counsel for the Permanente Corp. interests in this area, was saluted by San Jose labor leaders last Friday night at a pre-Christmas dinner party in Vahl's Tavern at Alviso.

Morton, who retires at the end of 1954, provided the big surprise of the evening when he declared:

"After the first of the year you'll call me Brother Morton. After all these years on the management side of the fence, I'm going to be a general counsel for the General Teamsters Union in its internal administration affairs. And before I start with the Teamsters, I'm going to Hawaii to conduct a special survey for the American Federation of Labor."

A top attorney and prominent with the Kaiser company since 1936, Morton expressed his thanks for the dinner by pointing out that a man is "lucky to hear nice things about him while he's alive—few people have so many real friends. Morton added that he had a feeling of accomplishment and was glad to be able to say he has done something for the people he lives with. He will make his home in Florida after returning from Hawaii.

Morton has a long and colorful career. He learned his law by working in an attorney's office and then passing bar examinations, and later became general counsel for the Chief Appeals Division of the U.S. Treasury Dept. He is a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., but has traveled widely, including residence and law practice in Alaska.

Since he joined the Kaiser Co. in 1936, coming to California area from Washington, Morton has won hosts of friends in the labor movement for his work as general counsel and labor relations man for Kaiser. He has been made honorary member of numerous labor organizations.

His trip to Hawaii will be for the Building Trades Department of the A. F. of L., Morton said, and his survey recommendations will be presented to the A. F. of L. executive council in Miami early next year. For the Teamsters, Morton will have the title of General Counsel, International Affairs, working directly under Dave Beck, Teamster president.

Asked who will replace him as labor relations man for Kaiser, Morton said it will be a younger

attorney, Walter Farrell, who has been trained by Morton. Farrell is widely known as "Sonny" Farrell and already has won a following from the ranks of labor unions, it was reported.

The dinner party was arranged by M. G. Murphy, Engineers, and Otto E. Sargent, Building Trades Council, and included both labor leaders of San Jose area and local Permanente company officials, many of whom spoke briefly in tribute to Morton.

Bill Pedigo, news editor for local labor papers, introduced guests and speakers, who included Murphy and H. T. ("Pete") Petersen, of Engineers 3; Sargent, Fred Volkers and Roger Brennan, of the Building Trades Council; Mike Radisch, Henry Gunderson, Warren W. Lewis and Henry Burnshire, Electrical Workers 332; H. L. Gilmore and Jose de la Torre, Laborers 270; Ed Rainbow and C. A. Rasmussen, of Boilermakers 6; Garland C. Oliver, of the Westinghouse Corp., and Harry Smith, Dick Little, John Garoutte, John E. Mead and Joe Eklund, of Permanente.

## Armory Planned For Monterey

Announcement was made in Monterey last week that plans have been prepared for a new National Guard Armory in the Monterey area and bids will be called for Jan. 11. Site of the proposed building was not reported by union leaders, although it was disclosed that the building is expected to have 11,000 square feet of space.

## Fish Pack Slow

Canning of fish at the Monterey fish processing plants has been slower than expected, union officials said. Last week's activity was limited to anchovies processed at the Enterprise plant and to sardines brought by truck to the Hovden plant.

Start the New Year right—take part in your union.

## Dorothy Mattos Win High Honors With Show Dogs

Long a dog fancier and breeder, Mrs. Dorothy Mattos is just one point away from her second championship with dogs she has bred for show, following high honors won in a specialty event for French bulldogs at the Pan-American Auditorium in Los Angeles, Dec. 11-12.

Mrs. Mattos, wife of Business Agent John F. Mattos of Salinas Laborers Union 272, entered her Do-Jon Le Roi Pierre, a smart French bulldog Mrs. Mattos had bred and raised, in the big field at the Pan-American.

The Mattos dog won a ribbon and trophy in the open dog class, a ribbon and trophy in the winners' class, and a ribbon and trophy in the best of winners class.

In addition, the dog was given a lot of attention for best of breeds and appeared on television for a longer time than any other dog in any class.

The major show provided five more points for Mrs. Mattos, leaving her just one point away from her second championship, it was reported.

In addition, Mrs. Mattos showed Mitzi, a 10-month-old puppy, which she entered in the open class for females. Mitzi had likewise been bred and raised by Mrs. Mattos and the dog won third place, with a plaque and a ribbon.

## Carp. Council Meets in K.C.

Final meeting of 1954 was held last week in King City by the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters.

Officials said business was routine in most instances, with several matters of importance handled. After the meeting delegates were guests of King City Carpenters Union 1279 at a dinner party.

Next meeting of the council is Jan. 18 in Monterey, with Local 1323 as host.

## Local 483 Party Slated Wednes.

A short pre-Christmas party will be held in offices of Monterey Hotel & Restaurant Workers and Bartenders Union 483 this Wednesday afternoon. The party is for union officers and special guests, it was announced. No special program is announced but there will be refreshments and Christmas cheer, it was reported.

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE, 1954

By C. J. HAGGERTY, Secretary-Treasurer California State Federation of Labor

For almost 2000 years the world has been moved by the message of brotherhood which came from Bethlehem.

The inspirational life of American labor owes its existence to the vision which its early leaders caught of man imprisoned in an industrial society.

To be sure, the labor movement means more than this, but unless its economic ambitions are seriously tied to a sense of social consciousness, it must perish before superior material power.

In the pursuit of immediate goals we tend by nature to forget that grasp of brotherhood which united workers against a common tyranny. In success, we forget our origins. Or worse, we deny them. The disease is contagious. And fatal.

The problem requires a renewal of labor faith, a recognition that

## Ike Hits Mitchell's Pro-Labor Stand

President Eisenhower has flatly disavowed a speech by Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell denouncing so-called "right to work" laws passed by 17 states.

The President said Mitchell was expressing his own views, rather than Administration policy. Eisenhower's press conference announcement constituted another victory for the pro-business stand of Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks over the attempts of the Labor Department to maintain a conciliatory attitude toward the trade union movement.

### PULLED NO PUNCHES

The repudiation of Mitchell was thorough and complete since the Labor Secretary pulled no punches in his public demand for repeal of state laws prohibiting union security contracts.

Mitchell made his speech before the CIO convention in Los Angeles and the portion of it assailing the state "right to work" laws was televised nationally. Referring to these anti-labor laws, Mitchell declared:

"In the first place, they do not create any jobs at all. In the second place, they result in undesirable and unnecessary limitations upon the freedom of working men and women and their employers to bargain collectively and agree upon conditions of work. Thirdly, they restrict union security and thereby undermine the basic strength of labor organizations."

Mitchell said it was "disquieting" to hear that some businessmen were banding together on a state and national basis to campaign for extension of the "right to work" laws. He added:

"Good relations between labor and management must be developed at the plant level. Certainly, an organized effort by employers to promote state laws undermining union security is not conducive to harmonious working relations between employers and their employees."

### TRICK PROVISION

One reason for the prompt White House repudiation of Mitchell's statement was seen in the fact that the Taft-Hartley Act makes the restrictive state laws operative. President Eisenhower has repeatedly refused to ask for repeal of that section of the law.

Under Taft-Hartley, the union shop is permissible. However, the law contains this trick provision: "Nothing in this act shall be construed as authorizing the execution or application of agree-

ments requiring membership in a labor organization as a condition of employment in any state or territory in which such execution or application is prohibited by state or territorial law."

This provision gives state laws prohibiting union security contracts precedence over the federal law, a circumstance that has no parallel in any other field of law.

If President Eisenhower had backed up Mitchell on this issue, he would have been more or less required to ask Congress to eliminate this section of the T-H law to be consistent. Thus it appears that the White House has no intention of moving in that direction in the near future.

## Painters 272 Pact Talk Off

Efforts of Painters Union 272 of Monterey to get a new contract with a welfare plan, such as most other unions enjoy, proved unsuccessful last week as contractor representatives admittedly were unable to get together on offers and suggestions.

Milton Isakson, business agent of Local 272, said the negotiations are discontinued temporarily because of the holidays. The union, however, has strike sanction and may be forced to take economic action early next year, Isakson added.

## Laborer, Hit By Tree, Dies

Hotsuturo Saki, member of Monterey Laborers Union 690, died last week from injuries suffered when he was hit by a tree while at work on the Del Monte Properties. He has been a member of the union for the past two years.

Union officials said Saki was helping to cut big trees and had moved out of the expected line of fall after helping cut through one towering tree. The tree, however, fell a different way and struck a smaller tree, which in turn hit Saki, it was reported.

## Salinas Unions Closing Friday


Union offices in the Salinas area will be closed all day Friday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 31, to give employees the opportunity to get a holiday for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. This follows a trend throughout the state.

Harvey B. Baldwin, of Carpenters Union 925, said this union would close its office. John J. Mattos, of Laborers Union 272, said his organization was closing offices also. No other announcements were made officially but it was understood that other organizations would be observing the Fridays as holidays.

## Thiltgen Attends State Mill Meet

Leo Thiltgen, secretary of the Monterey Bay District of Carpenters, was in Fresno earlier this month to attend the meeting of the California State Mill Committee. Thiltgen attended as a delegate of Carpenters Union 1323 of Monterey, it was reported.





May Your Yuletide be a happy one.

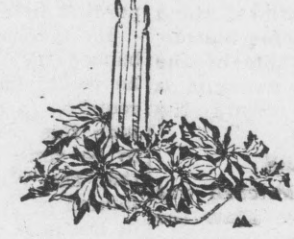
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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

There will be no meeting of Laborers Union 272 at Soledad next Monday night (Dec. 27) as scheduled. If necessary, the members will be contacted before the next Soledad meeting, which is Monday, January 24. Next Salinas meeting is Monday, Jan. 10.

Work is good for this time of year. If weather conditions were more favorable, our members would be working those that wanted to work.

The San Ardo school is going to bid again this month. The bids were too high the last time that it was bid.

The Solidad School will be bid in January of 1955. This makes our Southern members very happy.

Guy T. Martin & Co. is to start the job at the oil fields this week or next. This could lead to much more work in the area.

Gordon Ball is having trouble on the Freeway. The rains have raised havoc; it is next to impossible to get compaction on the fill.

The work on East Alisal St is moving along in pretty good shape. Alfred Juncker is doing quite well on the Greyhound Bus Depot. The tearing out of the interior is very near completion.

The Granite Sewer job is very slow due to the sandy condition of the soil in the particular area.

We have had a very sad case come up with Compensation on one of our members. This case proves very definitely that no matter how small an injury might seem at the time that it happens, report it to your foreman or employer then, not the next day. The brother in question was injured on Friday on the job. It was not reported until Monday. The seriousness of the case is quite bad. Therefore we must prove to the Compensation that it was an injury or the member will not receive medical care or any compensation benefit. Be sure that you report any injury at the time that it happens.

The same thing applies to shortages on checks, report them upon receipt of the check. In most cases shortages on checks are a mistake not intentional. The employer thinks more of a man who sticks up for his rights than one who just goes along saying nothing and in many cases holds a grudge against the employer his work becomes slack and he loses his job. This could all have been avoided if brought to the attention of your foreman on the job, he is employed the same as you are. So report it and everyone is satisfied and the work seems so much easier.

The other day on visiting the Granite Construction job, I missed Brother T. J. Goodnight. I inquired as to his well being and was informed that his mother had passed away. We all join in sympathy for T. J.'s loss.

The holidays are very near at hand, so be extra cautious driving your cars as well as being careful on the job. Accidents are much greater in the winter than any other time of the year. Fewer accidents means a lot to you and your family. May the members of this Union enjoy the Holiday Season without a mishap.

To the following members the Union wishes them a real warm Birthday Greeting: Jesus Granades, Bill Branan, James Denson, Wm. T. Frazier, Andrew Harper, X. E. Mirandette, Raymond Maddox, Mike Perez, Jesus Rodriguez, Ruperto Saldana, Lewis St. Clair, Eugene Stahl, Richard Wood, Wallace Westby.

Mrs. Russell Hendrix is improving from her accident but very slowly. "Russ" says the cooking of meals he don't mind, but dishwashing is not to his liking.

Brother Jim Warbington was represented by Anthony J. Mercant at a Compensation hearing on Tues. Dec. 14.

A message to each Laborer and his family and their friends. Also to all other union members, their families and their friends and all the Contractors in the area—from the Officers of Local Union 272 wish to thank all of you for

your kindness and support in the past.

To all of the above, whose goodwill we treasure, we wish the peace and joy of Christmas throughout the New Year.

May God Bless All of You  
—J. F. M.

## Raise Health Benefits

Santa Barbara.

Trustees of the Retail Clerks Local 899 Trust Fund covering the food industry employees met in Los Angeles last week to work out plans for increasing the medical benefits, according to Dick E. McDonald, Local 899 secretary.

The changes contemplated are to increase the daily hospital allowance to \$15 per day, increase doctor, hospital, and office calls to \$4 and home calls to \$6, maximum out-patient x-ray and laboratory to \$75 per year, add a dreaded disease clause covering 10 specific illnesses such as leukemia, muscular dystrophy, etc.

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## Power Issues Elect Neuberger

Milwaukie, Ore.—A close analysis of the detailed elections returns in Oregon show that the issues of public power and Columbia River development elected Richard Neuberger to the Senate, according to Democratic National Committeeman Monroe Sweetland.

Sweetland said that Neuberger carried only 10 of Oregon's 36 counties but nine of these 10 counties are "river" counties—from the Hells Canyon country on the East, westward along the river to its mouth at Astoria.

"These are the most river-conscious, power-conscious counties in Oregon," Sweetland said. "Several have Republican majorities in registration."

He said the results were a victory for Neuberger and Senator Wayne Morse who campaigned for him on the public power issues as opposed to the Eisenhower Administration's partnership power program—and a defeat for Cordon and Secretary of Interior Douglas McKay.

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Melvyn Douglas, in one of the most lovable roles of his remarkable career, is the star of "Time Out For Ginger," Ronald Alexander's rollicking new comedy which is now at the Curran Theatre, San Francisco, with matinees on Saturday and performances every evening.

In "Time Out For Ginger," Melvyn Douglas, who has been one of Hollywood's most sought after leading men for a long time, copes with a new sort of problem. In films, Mr. Douglas has pursued and been pursued by such beautiful and talented ladies as Greta Garbo, Joan Crawford, Jean Arthur, Norma Shearer, Ina Claire and Ann Southern. Undeniably, these ladies presented problems, but they were just child's play compared to the hilariously funny situation in which the females in "Time Out For Ginger" involve him. You see, in this comedy, Mr. Douglas is the father of three adolescent and rather precocious young ladies who want, not only to lead their own lives, but to lead father around, too.

The cast includes Edith Atwater, Laura Pierpont, Philip Loeb, Barry Truex, Marian Brown, Jacqueline Henly, Will Hussung, Les Hendrix, and whimsical Nancy Malone, who portrays the role of irresistible "Ginger," one of the funniest roles of the past decade. The setting is by Eldon Elder.

"Time Out For Ginger" plays every night with matinee on Saturdays. There will be one show New Year's Eve. Prices for the New Year's Eve performance are \$4.95, \$4.40, \$3.75, \$3.30 and \$2.75. Prices for all other evening performances are \$3.85, \$3.30, \$2.75, \$2.20 and \$1.65, and for the Saturday matinees \$3.30, \$2.75, \$2.20 and \$1.65.

There are 128,225 elementary schools, 23,746 high schools, and 1,889 accredited colleges in the United States, and 1,242,340 teachers to staff them.

**Plumbers Top Gains  
In Building Trades**

Washington (ILNS)—An average advance in scales of 10 cents an hour was made by union building trades workers in cities of 100,000 or more population in the fiscal year ending June 30, studies by the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reveal.

Top gainers were plumbers and steam and sprinkler fitters with an average of 16 cents; asbestos workers' scales went up 14, and boiler-makers and sheet metal workers 13. Scales for most other crafts advanced an average of 8 to 12 cents. For stonemasons the rise was 7 cents and 6 for composition roofers' helpers and plasterers. Tile layers' helpers, with a rise of 12 cents, led the helper and laborer listings.

About 82 per cent of the 1,050,000 unionized workers included in the bureau's 48th annual survey were affected by scale revisions during the 12-month period. Increases benefited 60 per cent or more of the union workers in all but two of the trades studied. Advances typically ranged from 5 to 20 cents, and for about 10 per cent of the tradesmen the increase was 20 cents or more.

Scales for union journeymen in the building trades averaged \$2.99 an hour on July and ranged from \$2.67 for glaziers to \$3.39 for bricklayers. Plasterers and stonemasons had levels of \$3.25 or more. Among helpers and laborers, average scales varied from \$1.89 for composition roofers' helpers to \$2.30 for terrazzo workers' helpers. Building laborers at \$1.96 was the only other classification below the \$2.05 national average for helpers and laborers.

**Moose Initiates  
Class Wednesday**

Salinas Moose Lodge 1165 will have its last initiation of 1954 at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday of this week, with Past Supreme Governor Walter Gibson of Oakland as speaker, according to Jimmie Butler Jr., Moose official. Butler also is secretary of Barbers Union 827.

Initiation team members are Joe Rawitzer Jr., Frank Soares, Chris Ostergaard Jr., Frank Scroggs, Ed Silva, Ben Henrich, Roy Wheeler and Elton Wheeler. Candidates are Alan Pattee, Paul Ralph, James Northcutt, James Martin Jr., Lambert Doran, Charles Ramondi, Donald Garnett, Leslie Jones, Frank H. Smith, Ray Lollar, C. I. Weaver, Vernon Baxter, Hugh Jennings, Bill Quinn, Frank Roseno, Charles Hughes, V. A. Grantham, Cecil Warren, Arthur Bernard, James M. Smith, E. A. Scornaieni.

Judy Masson, Karen Henningsen and the Ruso Bros. will feature the Moose Christmas Party on Television Channel 8 on Christmas Eve. Butler said he will have a television set available at his barber shop, 418 Monterey St., for anyone wishing to watch the program.

**Los Angeles Electrical  
Firm on "Unfair" List**

(State Fed. Release)

Electrical Products, a Los Angeles electrical firm, has been placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council at the request of the Sheet Metal Workers Local 108, Los Angeles.

Union spokesmen assert that although Local 108 won a representation election, the company has refused to sign any agreement.

**Name Msgr. Higgins  
New NCWC Director**

Msgr. George G. Higgins, of Chicago, was named director of the Department of Social Action of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Monsignor Higgins succeeds Fr. Raymond A. McGowan, whose resignation because of ill health had been announced by Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington.

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In the last issue we discussed the method used to determine the amount of the monthly Social Security benefit. The following are examples of how payments are figured:

Example.—John Jones, Dept. of the \_\_\_\_\_ Co., has been employed since February of 1946. Previous to this employment he had worked on a farm. John is 65 on July 10, 1955. His earnings record indicates that he had over \$3600 in every year, beginning in 1946. Therefore he will be eligible to monthly benefits of \$98.50 a month for the rest of his life. His wife Mary will be 65 in June 1956. At that time she will be eligible for monthly benefits of \$49.30 (half of John's benefit). Total benefits payable—\$147.80 each month. Now let's consider that John Jones died on July 10, 1955, but was only 34 years of age. All other conditions remain the same. Therefore the amount of John's monthly benefit would still be \$98.50. In this case John was survived by his widow Mary, age 32, and his two children, Carolyn, age 4, and Joseph, age 6. Upon application, Mary will receive monthly benefits of \$73.90 (three-fourths of John's) each month for herself; \$73.90 (three-fourths of John's) for Carolyn; and \$49.30 (half of John's) for Joseph. Total monthly payments of \$197.10. As each child becomes 18, or marries before 18, their benefit will be stopped. All payments cease when the youngest child is 18. If Mary did not remarry she could again be eligible for \$73.90 at age 65.

In either of the above cases, if John was 65 or died one year later (July 10, 1956) and his earnings had been at least \$350 a month (\$4200 a year) during 1955 and 1956, the monthly benefit would have been increased to \$108.50. The benefits payable to his wife and children would be raised accordingly (keeping in mind the maximum family benefit of \$200). For further information see your local Social Security office at the address shown below.

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**Auto Hints**

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**LOW OIL PRESSURE**  
Low oil pressure may be indirectly caused by defective spark plugs or by worn or sticky piston rings. One plug that misses will allow unburned gas vapor to accumulate, work down past the piston rings and dilute the oil. Worn or sticky piston rings will also increase oil dilution. When the oil thins down, pressure starts dropping.

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**McCarthy Condemned**

The United States Senate took a forward step toward restoring public confidence in the decency and fairness of the legislative procedures of our Government when it voted by a 3 to 1 margin to condemn the conduct of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wis.).

It's too bad, however, that the Senate dropped the censure count based on the Wisconsin Senator's intemperate treatment of Gen. Zwicker. By so doing, the Senate leaves itself open to the criticism that it is more interested in protecting its own members and committees from insult than witnesses appearing before investigating committees.

It's also too bad that McCarthy's fraternal associates overlooked the very serious charge that he had lost huge sums gambling in the stock market with money given to him for fighting Communism!

Illustrating the low ebb to which McCarthyism has sunk, the Democrats in the Senate voted unanimously against him and the Republicans divided evenly on the final censure resolution 22 to 22.

McCarthy may call the Senate's action a "farce" and a "lynching bee." He may even try to resume his same old bulldozing methods in the last few days left to him as chairman of the Senate Investigating Committee before he loses his top post when the Democrats take over control of the next Congress.

But he and his methods have been thoroughly discredited and he will never again be able to get away with the ugly intimidation of private citizens and public officials which in recent years has disgraced the American way of life.

**Crocodile Tears**

Employers in general are certain to resist any action by Congress in raising the minimum wage.

Business pressure groups will argue that higher wage floors will mean layoffs and close-downs. But the wage and hour division of the Labor Department doesn't make such dire predictions.

It notes that when the 40-cent-an-hour minimum was raised to 75 cents in 1950 the increase resulted in only "relatively few layoffs" and that these were confined mainly to "workers with low productivity."

The division reports that shutdowns, if any, were confined to the oyster canning industry, which it labels "marginal in character" anyway.

Don't be fooled by the crocodile tears corporation chairmen and presidents will weep for the poor worker when the issue of a higher minimum wage comes up in Congress next year.

**Labor and Politics**

Some few members of the trade union movement continue to ask: "Why should labor unions take part in politics?"

In his opening address to the AFL convention in Los Angeles last September, President George Meany pointed out that when the Federation was formed 73 years ago its founders came up with 14 things they felt should be done for American workers in those days.

"Thirteen of those 14," Meany pointed out, "called for legislation—back in 1881."

Meany then asked: "How do you get legislation and stay out of politics and refrain from political action?"

The AFL, in short, always has played a political role and always will—because it has to.

Oh, for the good old days when the only form of radio-activity was listening to Amos 'n' Andy!

Don McNeill reports a housewife's life is easy: "All she has to do is look like a girl, think like a man, act like a lady, and work like a dog."

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Teacher: "Where is the capital of the United States?"  
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Some women have found the best remedy for dishpan hands is hanging an apron on their husbands.

The intellect has only one failing, which, to be sure, is a considerable one. It has no conscience. —J. R. Lowell.

When you help out a man in trouble you can be sure of one thing. He won't forget you—the next time he is in trouble.



## What Is Brotherhood?

What is brotherhood? It is everything or everything is nothing. It is the catalyst that separates a human being from the beast of the jungle. It is the leavening of love and the scaffolding upon which society rests. It is the glowing light which has beckoned mankind along the tortuous path of progress from the law of the fang to the Bill of Rights. It is the cornerstone of democracy and the fountainhead of human dignity. It is the strength of the past and the hope of the future.

What is brotherhood? It is the biggest thing in the world and at the same time the smallest. It is a thousand union men walking a picket line for weeks or months to redress an injustice done to a single member. But also it is a housewife baking a cake for an ailing neighbor. It is battered and beaten GIs with bone-weary arms and frozen feet carrying wounded comrades out of the frigid wastes of

Korea. But also it is a vigorous young man giving a lift to a tired old-timer working by his side. It is a hundred and fifty million people placing their homes, their savings and even their lives at the disposal of the nation to protect the principles of liberty and equality. But no less it is Bill Smith mowing the lawn of the old couple up the street. It is a dozen or a hundred or a thousand people working together to maintain a church or a lodge or a union. It is the fifty-cent contribution or the hour of committee work given by the least of them.

What is brotherhood? It is the wisdom of Lincoln and the warmth of Gandhi. It is the humility of Jesus, the humbleness of Mohammed and the humanitarianism of Confucius. It is Catholic and Protestant and Jew living together in peacefulness and harmony. It is Italian and Dane and Bulgarian and Pole working side by side on

the job and sitting shoulder to shoulder in the union hall searching for ways to advance the common good. It is the The Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. It is the Bible, the Talmud and the Koran. It is the essence of all wisdom of all ages distilled into a single word. But equally it is the understanding of neighbors and friends who sorrow at your misfortunes and rejoice at your triumphs. You cannot see brotherhood; neither can you hear it or taste it. But you can feel it a hundred times a day. It is the pat on the back when things look gloomy. It is the smile of encouragement when the way seems hard. It is the helping hand when the burden becomes unbearable.

What is brotherhood? It is pioneer Americans of faiths and creeds and colors banding together to raise a barn for a neighbor. It is men in leather breeches and homespun shirts taking wagons apart and carrying them over the mountains, piece by piece, to get wagon trains into California and Oregon. It is working men risking their jobs, their homes and their futures to build unions capable of eliminating exploitation and poverty and industrial slavery. It is men and women working for a common cause that is bigger than any individual.

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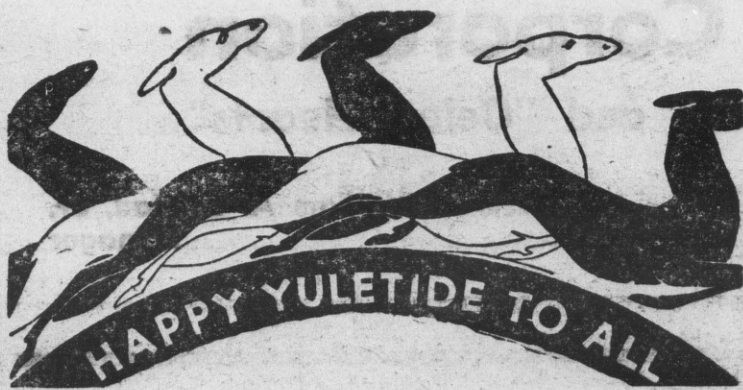
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## 19 1/2 MILLION WOMEN IN U.S. WORK FORCE

Women workers account for almost one-third of the U.S. work force, according to the 1954 Handbook on Women Workers.

The new publication, prepared by the U.S. Labor Department, is a "profile of women who work," said Mrs. Alice Leopold, assistant to the Secretary of Labor in charge of Women's Affairs and director of the Women's Bureau.

In addition to discussing women's employment, the handbook reports on their income and earnings, their responsibilities for family support, their education and vocational training, and the laws that affect their status as workers, citizens, and homemakers. Also included is a list of women's national organizations.

The report is available from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. The price is 30 cents a copy.

The handbook shows that of the 19 1/2 million women workers, one-fourth are in clerical occupations; more than one-fifth in service jobs; one-fifth in operative jobs, chiefly in factories; and about one-eighth in professional and technical work.

Average weekly earnings reported for clerical workers in a 17-city survey in 1953-54 were highest for secretaries, who earned from \$58 to \$75.50, and top accounting clerks, whose weekly average ranged from \$57 to \$71.50.

More than 40 per cent of all single women and 27 per cent of all married women are in the labor force. More than 4 1/2 million women workers have children under 18.

## Tennessee Protests Legality of Dixon-Yates Deal

Washington. — Protests against the legality of the controversial Dixon-Yates contract were filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by the State of Tennessee, three Tennessee municipal power groups, and the National Rural Electrical Cooperative Assn.

The Tennessee brief questions whether the SEC can "properly" approve the proposed financing of the Dixon-Yates syndicate and assails its contract with the Atomic Energy Commission which has been under heavy Democratic fire in Congress.

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## "Joyous Labor Working for Less"

A prime example of the evils of industrial piracy was revealed in an attempt by the Town of Pelahatchie, Miss., to lure a New Haven, Conn., manufacturing company to its community with low-paid, non-union labor and a tax-free site and plant as bait.

In a letter to President Robert Hendrick of the H. B. Ives Co., a manufacturer of builder's hardware, the mayor of Pelahatchie, H. C. Rhodes, said that "our wonderful labor, 98 per cent native born, mostly high school graduates, will lower average hourly industrial wage rates six cents to 49 cents below other Southern states, and from 50 cents to 95 cents below Northern states."

"This labor," wrote Rhodes, "is truly American, not inflicted with the 'Something for Nothing' idea and works together joyously with management for the success of both."

"No one will tell you whom you must employ and all detrimental state laws for industrial operations have been repealed. The closed union shop has just been outlawed in Mississippi."

The mayor told Hendrick that the town will provide the site and

building "just as you want them" with "easy" carrying charges "eventually becoming as low as \$1 per year, with taxes exempted up to 99 years, and you make no capital outlay for them."

"With the large savings in wage, production and operating costs, while your plant is operating peacefully and successfully, it will put your company into a most favorable competitive position not only in the entire South but also over most of the country," the mayor stated.

Recently, the AFL Legislative Council's subcommittee on Migration and Subsidization mapped a program to curb the runaway shop. This called for, among other things, repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act provision which permits states to pass legislation outlawing the union shop, raising the Federal minimum wage level to \$1.25 an hour, and repeal of the Federal tax exemption for local government bonds issued for the purpose of subsidizing and luring industrial enterprises to new locations.

The subcommittee noted that migrations have affected industrial centers as far separated as Fort Wayne, Ind., Milwaukee and Paterson, N.J.

It requested Sen. James Murray (D., Mont.) to push for immediate action on a resolution calling for investigation of sectional migration of industries and population.

## State Barber Group Meets

San Francisco.

Members of the California State Assn. of Barbers' executive board and legislative advocates met in San Francisco last week-end with state and school officials to discuss high spots of the coming legislative year as it may affect the barber industry.

Endorsement of Frances Thomas for appointment as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology was voted, the group pointing out that organized labor is not now represented on the cosmetology board.

Discussion of the proposed Eleven Western States Conference of barber union officials, date and place to be set later, was held and it was agreed that the State Barber Assn. should send a delegate.

Possibility of increasing the state minimum prices for barber services was considered and local unions were urged to ask the State Board of Barber Examiners to investigate and increase minimum prices in local areas.

Among the state leaders present were Harold V. Luckey, president; C. E. Rynearson, secretary; Joe Guardino and Fred N. Harding, all of the Board of Barber Examiners; Frances Thomas, advisory board member in the cosmetology field; J. A. Murray, Bert Lewis and L. Sherman Trusty, representing the Barber School Assn.; Barbers' International Representatives W. W. Pierce, Alvin L. Holt and Esther Reidenbaugh; Legislative Advocate Joseph Honey, and others.

## Heart Trouble Symptoms

It takes a long time, possibly years, to damage the heart or coronary arteries extensively. Most of the time your body gives you ample warning that something is wrong.

When you disregard these signals, you invite trouble. Many persons who shrug off pains as merely indigestion or pleurisy, wind up in the cemetery long before they should.

How you can recognize heart disease? What are the symptoms? These are some of them:

The most severe condition is called myocardial infarction. It results when a blood clot forms in one of the branches of the coronary arteries, usually caused by hardening of the arteries.

The most common symptom is severe squeezing, pressing or constricting sensation near the breast bone. You may also be short of breath, sick to your stomach, vomit and hiccup. You are very weak, your pulse is weak and rapid and your skin is pale and moist.

Somewhat less severe is angina pectoris, a condition also caused by a disturbance to the heart muscles blood supply.

You feel pain under the breast bone. It may pass upward into the neck or shoulder, or stomach. It's like a feeling of oppression on a vise-like sensation.

Other symptoms you may have are rapid beating of the heart, faintness and dizziness, and shortness of breath. The typical seizure lasts only a few minutes and is usually brought on by severe exercise, emotional strain, overeating or severe anemia.

Nine out of 10 persons suffering coronary artery diseases are between 50 and 70. About 2 per cent are under 30.

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# Tax Burden Being Shifted Away From Rich People

The tax burden is "being shifted more and more on the shoulders of low- and moderate-income families," the CIO's Economic Outlook said last week, because most state and local taxes are "regressive" and take "more, proportionately, from those who are least able to pay."

The Outlook issue summarizes some of the major recommendations in the handbook on state and local taxes just issued by the CIO Department of Education and Research, a comprehensive \$2-a-copy, 142-page volume analyzing all aspects of the state and local tax program.

## PUBLIC SERVICES

In 1953, the Outlook said, about 75 per cent of all federal tax revenue came from income taxes levied on individuals and on corporation profits. "In sharp contrast," in 1953 more than 59 per cent of all state tax revenue came from sales taxes levied on consumers, and only 17 per cent came from individual and corporate income taxes.

Only about \$10 billion of the federal budget is being spent for civilian services, the Outlook noted, including the \$3 billion which is sent back to the states and localities in the form of federal "grants-in-aid."

"But state and local tax collections already account for more than two-thirds of all tax revenue which is spent for civilian public services throughout the U.S.—for schools, highways, health, recreation, police protection, and the rest," the Outlook said.

Only income taxes with rates that move upward as incomes rise conform to the principle of "progressive taxation based upon ability to pay," the CIO pointed out. "Common sense and fairness should have led state governments to turn more and more to income taxes to meet their growing revenue needs."

Some 17 states levy no income taxes on individuals at all, the CIO said, 15 states have no tax on corporation profits, and 13 states, "including some of the wealthiest," levy neither corporation nor individual income taxes.

"It should come as no surprise that six of these states now raise at least 70 per cent of their total income from sales taxes," the Outlook added.

The amount of revenue raised in the two-thirds of states with income tax laws is "trifling," the publication continued, with "only nine per cent of total state tax collections from individual income taxes in 1954 and only seven per cent from the corporate profits."

"The failure to produce adequate revenue from most of the state income taxes reflects the serious defects in their structure. Sometimes exemptions are unjustifiably high, while at the same time the tax rates are unduly low."

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## "Free Monopoly Enterprise"

Los Angeles — Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind.-Ore.), told the CIO that the Republican leadership has lost confidence in the free enterprise system, and that they cannot distinguish between private enterprise and private monopoly.

For two years, he charged, the economic philosophy and programs of Eisenhower, Weeks and Secretary Humphrey have been "devoted to pulling plumbs out of the national pie for big business and the banking fraternity."

Weeks and Humphrey in private life had jobs in banking and investment firms "and just can't get out of the habit."

"The only solution is to get them out of office," he said.

While this cannot be done until 1956, he advocated plans now with this end in view.

He charged the Republican Administration with being wedded to an economic program of scarcity and the "trickle down" policy.

Morse praised the labor movement for cooperation in realizing goals of economic, social and political well-being, and urged the unions on to further goals.

The former Republican, who is now an Independent, paid tribute to the Democrats for their efforts in the last Congress to bring tax relief to the wage earner, white collar worker, family farmer and small businessman.

He warned "there are forces that are for a national sales tax, but they will succeed over the political bodies of liberals in Congress."

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Santa Rosa.

Further news is expected momentarily as the issue over union organization of the apple cannery of the Sebastopol Apple Growers Union moves rapidly toward solution.

The organization drive, undertaken last summer by Truck Drivers 980, was temporarily stymied in October when the company challenged 111 votes (about half the total number cast) in the NLRB union representation election. At the same time both the company and the union filed charges of unfair labor practices.

Within the past ten days the jam gave signs of breaking up:

1. The NLRB Regional Office certified acceptance of all but about 15 of the challenged ballots, with this action subject to final approval by the National Board itself.

2. Charges made by the apple processing company against Local 980 of unfair labor practices were dismissed by the NLRB.

3. However, charges of unfair practices lodged by the union against the company have not been dismissed, states Business Agent A. H. Bertolucci, and these probably will be given a full hearing and determination.

Start the New Year right—take part in your union.

**LABOR'S BROAD ACTION SHOWN IN PAMPHLET**

New York City.—The International Labor Relations Committee of the AFL published a pamphlet entitled "American Labor Looks at the World," picturing some aspects of the far-flung activities during the past year of the committee, the AFL, and the Free Trade Union Committee.

In a foreword, Matthew Woll, chairman of the International Relations Committee and first vice president of the AFL, said:

"Only a world which assures decent standards of life and labor, political liberty, freedom of choice and national independence to all, safeguarded by effective collective security, can withstand Communist subversion from within or Soviet aggression from without, and assure the triumph of human dignity and social justice."

The pamphlet includes articles about German trade unions, Arabian oil workers, the Filipino labor movement, Franco Spain, Guatemala's revolution, Honduras strikers, the Mao Tse-tung dictatorship of Red China, and other pressing international issues.

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**Home Tips ★ ★**

The decorated felt skirt has become so popular that kits containing felt squares and patterns for making a variety of designs are available. The designs are easily transferred to the felt by pressing with a hot iron.

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Navy, once the exclusive property of the spring fashion season, now is joining the ranks of autumn shades. There also is a new shade of brown inspired by Italian coffee. This brown shade looks attractive in a new crepe material combining acetate and rayon.

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When you go fragrance-shopping, don't wear any scent at all. It's easier this way to tell exactly what you are testing. Then, too, don't expect your fragrance to last all day. Retouch your scent just as you do your lipstick.

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A convenient way to wash the ceiling is to use a self-wringing sponge mop with a long handle. Wring the mop quite dry each time it is dipped in the cleansing solution, so it won't drip on you.

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Latest whimsy among the furriers are fur spats. They're made in all furs, from rabbit to mink, keep the ankles warm, and are easy to kick off by means of a patented clip. The spats are made in styles for daytime, evening, or after skiing wear, with special versions in bright red or green dyed furs, especially for teen-agers.

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Roll or hang table linen. This will save wear from constant creasing in the same spots. Linen closets can provide pull-out rods for hanging the linen over loops—or an extra-long drawer will provide storage for tablecloths rolled on cardboard rolls.

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Here's a new twist for pastry. Add ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg and ½ teaspoon ground cloves to a package of piecrust mix. Make up and roll out as usual. Use this spicy pastry with a fresh apple or pear filling, sweetening the fruit with sugar and pointing up the flavor with a little grated lemon rind and lemon juice.

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House paint is made to withstand destructive weather, but it will not stand up under constant foot friction. Always use a good floor enamel on floors because it contains a large percentage of varnish, which not only forms a tough surface film, but produces a beautiful finish. Mixed floor and deck enamel, available in a wide range of colors, is recommended.

**AFL Issues Pamphlet on "Right to Wreck" Laws**

(State Fed. Release)

The national AFL opened a new campaign against compulsory open shop legislation this month by issuance of a 17-page pamphlet titled the "Right to Wreck!"

The pamphlet treats the significance of 17 state laws now prohibiting the union shop and other forms of union security.

Copies will later be distributed in California through the office of the State Federation of Labor.

A limited number may now be obtained by writing directly to George Meany, President, American Federation of Labor, AFL Building, Washington 1, D.C.

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## 'Farm Depression' Threatens Spread To Major Cities

Washington—A southern democratic senator and a mid-west republican representative charged that the Eisenhower administration is producing a "farm depression" that threatens to spread to the cities.

Sen. Olin Johnston (D., S.C.) said in a statement that government imposed acreage reductions and the threat of future cuts in the government support price for cotton are forcing southern growers "into leaving the farms for the cities." He said cotton farmers are "being taken back to the Hoover days."

Rep. Usher Burdick (R., N.D.) said in an interview that cuts in wheat planting allotments coupled with lower support prices for wheat and small grains are "forcing some farmers out of business" in the north central plains.

Both agreed that the Democratic Congress should enact legislation to stop reductions in farm price supports next year or in the future.

"In North Dakota it looks like the beginning of a real first-hand depression," Burdick said. "The merchants already are adversely affected. Many farmers are selling out."

## Appetite Teasers ★

### SEA-SHELL SALMON

- 1 8 oz. or 1/2 lb. pkg. macaroni
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Dash pepper
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 2 tablespoons minced parsley
- 1 tall can salmon (about 2 cups)
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 cup buttered bread crumbs

Melt butter, blend in flour and seasonings, add milk and cook, stirring constantly until thickened. Stir in parsley. Flake the salmon and mix with lemon juice. Cook sea-shell macaroni according to package directions and arrange in baking dish in alternate layers with salmon and sauce. Top with bread crumbs and bake 30 minutes in moderate (350 degree) oven. Makes six servings.

### NINE-INCH EGG NOODLE RING

- 1 8 oz. or 1/2 lb. package egg noodles
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Dash pepper
- 2 cups milk
- 3 eggs, slightly beaten

Melt butter, blend in flour and seasonings, add milk and cook, stirring until sauce thickens. Pour sauce slowly on beaten eggs and mix well. Cook egg noodles according to package directions and stir into mixture. Pour into a heavily greased nine-inch ring mold. Set mold in pan of hot water and bake 30 minutes (or until firm) in a moderate (350 degree) oven. Unmold on a platter and fill center with vegetables or creamed chicken or tuna. Makes six servings.

## Sales, Inventories Off; New Orders Up

Manufacturers' sales, inventories and unfilled orders in October all were below year-ago levels, the U.S. Commerce Department reports. New orders registered a gain, however.

The Department listed manufacturers' sales in October on an unadjusted basis at \$24.6 billion, \$2.2 billion below the like month a year ago but \$200 million above the preceding month this year.

Inventories at the end of the month stood at \$43.3 billion, compared with \$46.5 billion a year ago and \$43.3 billion in September.

New orders were reported at \$24.8 billion, up \$1.5 billion from October of last year but \$300 million below September's level.

Unfilled orders were \$48.2 billion, compared with \$63.6 billion a year ago and \$48 billion in the preceding month of this year.

## STRUCK JOB MOVED TO 2 ANTI-UNION STATES!

Chicago—The damaging effect of State "right-to-work" laws are dramatized by developments in the strike against the Kraft Food Company here by 1,500 members of Dairy Employees' Local 754 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL).

To fight the strike, the company is switching production of Miracle Whip salad dressing, Velveeta cheese and other Kraft products for two struck plants here to two non-union plants in "right-to-work" States at Decatur, Ga. and Garland, Tex.

Frank Gillespie, Secretary-Treasurer of Local 754, said the company has dismantled some of the machinery in the Chicago plants and shipping it to unknown destinations, perhaps to additional non-union plants.

The union official charged that the Kraft Company precipitated the strike by seeking to cripple the seniority system established by the union and to undermine other gains. He added:

"In bargaining these days, the 'right-to-work' laws and other anti-union legislation in certain States give a nation-wide company like

Kraft a tempting out. A strike doesn't become as great a worry to a company which can move its production to a 'right-to-work' State, where we have a hard time organizing."

The Kraft Company is a subsidiary of the National Dairy Company, whose profits have been mounting steadily since 1946. The strike, which began Nov. 11, is the first in 13 years at the Chicago plants. It has the complete support of the Teamsters' organization, Gillespie said.

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## "Nixonism" Viewed As Taking Place of McCarthy's Tactics

New York (ILNS) — "Nixonism, a kind of kid gloves McCarthyism, will replace the more ruthless tactics of Senator McCarthy" in Republican strategy during the next two years.

That was the prediction of Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr., professor of history at Harvard University, in speaking on the campaign roles of the Vice President and the Wisconsin Senator before the New York Young Democratic Club.

The recent election was "kind of liquidation of McCarthy," but it did not make "a definite pronouncement against Nixonism," Schlesinger said. He aided Adlai Stevenson in writing speeches during the Democratic candidate's campaign for the Presidency in 1952.

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# Guaranteed Employment Plan to Be Major Demand of Auto Workers

Detroit (PAI)—A series of demands to be pushed next spring, spotlighting a guaranteed employment plan, have been worked out in a two-day National Economic and Collective Bargaining Conference of the CIO Auto Workers here.

The 1100 delegates also endorsed a program calling for higher wages, higher pensions, company paid hospital benefits, improved disability benefits, cost of living adjustments and other gains. The detailed demands will be considered in Cleveland next March.

UAW and CIO President Walter Reuther said these demands are an "economic necessity" and that the union would strike to win them.

"The UAW is united as it has never before been united on a set of demands," he said.

Five-year contracts will be expiring for many of the one million auto workers. General Motors contract ends in May, Ford on June 1 and Chrysler expires on August 31. Negotiations will begin 60 days before these contracts expire.

"We will do everything possible

to find answers to our basic problems. But if we are denied justice to which we are entitled we will use our power as workers by withdrawing our services," Reuther said.

Although the press placed the value of the UAW package demand at 40 to 50 cents an hour, Reuther said it would be difficult to arrive at any definite figure. He said that if the auto firms planned their production properly the guaranteed employment program would cost them nothing.

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Here is the way it would work: Each worker available for work would be guaranteed 40 hours a week. With seniority ruling, layoffs would still entitle the workers to an income sufficient to "maintain the same living standard as when fully employed."

A worker with two years or more seniority would be guaranteed 52 weeks. A worker with less seniority would be guaranteed half the amount of his seniority. The employer would finance the plan on a pay-as-you-go basis up to a specified point.

In addition to the guaranteed

employment plan, the UAW will ask for the following:

One or two year contracts instead of five years.

Employers' monthly pension payments should be hiked from \$1.75 to \$2.50 for each year of service.

Up the payment by the companies of health insurance premiums from one-half to the full amount.

Freeze the escalator cost-of-living gains into the wage rate as a permanent increase. This now amounts to 7 cents an hour. Last year the union won 19 of 24 cents escalator benefits as a permanent increase.

The UAW is also seeking to raise the annual improvement factor, for technological improvements, from four to five cents an hour.

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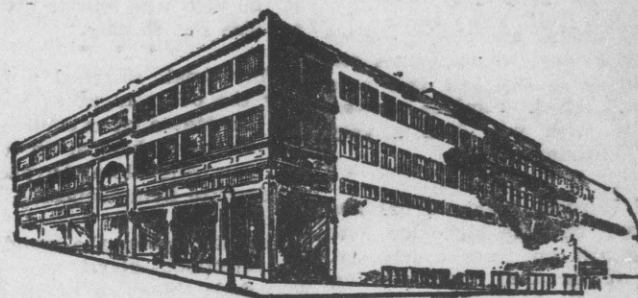
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## Boss Must Bargain With Unit Elected

Washington—The Supreme Court ruled unanimously that an employer must bargain with the union chosen by his employees in a Government-supervised election even if those workers decide immediately afterward they don't want the union after all.

"Otherwise," said the court, "encouragement would be given to management or a rival union to delay certification by spurious objections to the conduct of an election and thereby diminish the duration of the duty to bargain."

The decision upheld the National Labor Relations Board in a ruling involving Lodge 727 of the Machinists in Van Nuys, Calif., and a small automobile dealer. The high court had refused to rule on the issue heretofore, despite an accumulation of lower court rulings. Some of the rulings had upheld the NLRB policy, and some had questioned it.

Under that policy, a newly-elected union has a one-year breathing spell from the time it is certified as exclusive bargaining representative, to work out a contract with the employer. During that time, neither an employer, employee or a rival union may seek a new election challenging the union's status. The employer, furthermore, is required to bargain in good faith with the union.

## Federation Warns On Company Unions

Santa Barbara.

William Dead, of Santa Barbara, State Federation vice-president for this area, attended the executive council session and reported on it last Wednesday night at Santa Barbara Central Labor Council.

Among the most serious matters to come before the executive council was the question of company unions and Bro. Dean described the action taken in San Bernardino and Riverside counties. The San Bernardino Central Labor Council set up a committee of five, employed an attorney, and set up a definite program. Any Central Labor Council or union can write the San Bernardino committee and get information on fighting the company union threat, Bro. Dean said.

The company union movement, originated by a group of anti-union employers, has also become a problem in the San Joaquin valley, at Modesto, Visalia and other areas. "It's a vicious thing, and it costs money to fight it," Dean pointed out.

Much of the executive council's recent two-day session was spent on reviewing plans for legislation to be submitted to the State Legislature.

Sixty-five convention resolutions and policy statements were on the legislative agenda for the Dec. 2 and 3 sessions at Fairmount Hotel in San Francisco. All state legislative resolutions adopted at the 1953-1954 conventions were surveyed for possible presentation at the 1955 general session of California Legislature, to open the first week in January.

Legislation will be sought on unemployment insurance, disability insurance and workmen's compensation, social security, education, and various other matters.

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# Labor News

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1954

## LLIB OGIDEP

Saw where a hat designer claimed that women's hats today are pretty much alike. Something wrong in that—they aren't all pretty, they aren't much and they certainly aren't alike!

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Wonderful testimonial for Harry Morton, general counsel for Permanente (Kaiser Corp.), who is retiring and will move to Florida. He says he will become a union man now, will be counsel for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters—part time only! He refuses to work full time again for anyone, he adds.

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Monterey labor leaders are checking into reports that schools are serving Japanese-packed tuna to the children for lunches—two reasons: 1. Should patronize American products, and 2. There is no health or sanitation inspection on such fish and at least one case of food poisoning is claimed from eating uninspected foreign foods.

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Many unions are closing offices all day Friday, so employees can get Christmas Eve (all day) as a holiday. Which reminds us—we want to wish you ALL a very Merry Christmas.

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Paul Burnett (Santa Cruz) has a rocking chair in his office—one well shined up from much use. Could it be that "old" rocking chair" has Paul—or is it just that he has the chair?

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When in Salinas we "chisel"

parking space at the Labor Temple. One time we're Miles, then Johnson, or Greco, or so on—and last week someone called us "Mr. Labor Temple Association!"

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Hear that there is talk of a county sales tax for Santa Cruz County. This should be a popular thing with the many pensioners and low income people there—equality in taxation, tax on those most able to pay, and all that stuff! Labor leaders are watching with interest, we're told.

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Right here and now we want to say a word of praise for the UNION teamsters driving those big trucks along the highways. After 15 years of driving—about a quarter of a million miles on the highways—we've learned with pleasure that when a big-truck driver shows that little extra bit of courtesy to others using the same road, you can bet that the teamster carries a good union card! Congratulations to the men who handle those box-car size rigs so ably.

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Tiny Small smashed a big ash tray the other night as he called the San Mateo labor council to order, his gavel banged on a metal ash tray before him. Anyone want a miniature flying saucer,

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New story going the rounds since the elections—about the bookie who finds things so tough he has had to lay off two cops!

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